

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 remain pending in the application and have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 5 are proposed to be amended herein to improve their form and clarify the scope of the invention. In particular, the changes are proposed to clarify that the heating that is stopped is the heating not causing ejection. This is the terminology used throughout both independent claims and is believed to clarify the heating that is controlled. The changes are not proposed to be made for any reasons related to patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendments do not add new matter and do not affect the allowability of the application. The need for the proposed changes was only recently discovered and their entry would not place undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner on December 18, 2007. During the interview, the undersigned summarized the invention as claimed and explained the differences between the citations of record and the claims. In particular, the differences noted in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 31, 2007 were emphasized.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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